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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) The area under rubber plantation in Madras State at the end of 1956 was 10,346 (ten thousand three hundred and forty-six) acres.

(b) "Rubber industry" is a Central subject. There is no proposal to open a rubber research laboratory in the Madras State by the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: What has happened to the proposal of the Dunlop Company opening a rubber factory?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: They are making progress.

Channel from Nagalkulam

* 142 Q.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any scheme for the excavation of a new supply channel from Nagalkulam to Alangulam in the Tirunelveli district has been evolved; and

(b) if so, the present stage of the scheme?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a) & (b) A scheme comprising the excavation of a new channel from below the surplus weir of the Nagalkulam up to Thottiankulam in Alankulam village estimated to cost Rs. 3·6 lakhs for benefiting about 200 acres, was examined but dropped in view of its high cost and uncertainty of supplies available.

SRI D. S. AUTHIMOOLAM: இதற்கு அதிகப்படியான முதலீடு செய்ய வேண்டுமென்றும், அதிலிருந்து வரக்கூடிய லாபம் அதிகமில்லை என்றும் மந்திரி சொன்னார்கள். அப்படியானால், இந்தத் திட்டம் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறதா? அல்லது ஒரேயடியாகக் கைவிடப்பட்டதா?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: ஒரேயடியாகக் கைவிடப்பட்டது. செலவழித்தாலும் லாபம் வராததால் இது ஒரேயடியாகக் கைவிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

Food situation

* 143 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: }
SRI W. P. A. R. CHANDRASEKARAN: } Will
the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any communication recently from the Centre regarding food situation in the State;

(b) if so, whether any reply has been sent; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) & (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

(c) In a communication sent to this Government, the Government of India, desired that in order to solve food difficulties, this Government should take steps to see that wastage of food is

avoided, consumption of rice is restricted, consumption of wheat is encouraged, production and consumption of substitute foods are encouraged. They also suggested that statutory orders should be issued, if necessary to implement the suggestions. The Government of India, were informed that the food position in this State did not warrant the promulgation of any statutory orders and that this Government had taken steps to persuade the public without any compulsion to avoid wastage of food, to produce and consume subsidiary food stuff, to eat more wheat, and to reduce consumption of rice.

Fertilizers factory

* 144 *Q*.—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the Government have asked any foreign Government to start a fertilizer factory at Neyveli?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : No, Sir. The project is being executed by a Government Company registered under the Indian Companies Act. The State Government cannot enter into any commitments for or on behalf of the project.

Olavayal channel

MR. SPEAKER : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் ஸ்ரீ அருணாசலத்தேவர் சபையில் இல்லாததால் 145-ம் கேள்வியும் அதனுடைய பதிலும் விவாதவெளியீட்டில் அச்சிடப்படும்.

* 145 *Q*.—SRI V. ARUNACHALA THEVAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are going to extend the Olavayal channel extension up to Neyveli in Tanjore district which could irrigate 8,000 acres in the dry area of Pudukkottai Division; and

(*b*) if so, when the work will be taken up?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Cattle farms

* 146 *Q*.—SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) இம் மாகாணத்தில் எங்கெங்கே பசுப் பண்ணைகள் நடைபெறுகின்றன ?

(ஆ) ஒவ்வொரு பண்ணைக்கும் ஆகும் செலவு என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) (i) Hosur, Salem district.

(ii) Pudukottai, Tiruchirappalli district.

(iii) Orthanad, Tanjore district.

(iv) Pallathur, Ramanathapuram district.

(*b*) Hosur farm : Rs. 5,75,000 per annum.
Pudukottai farm : Rs. 2,20,500 per annum.
Orthanad farm : Rs. 4,59,300 per annum.
Pallathur farm : Rs. 46,600 per annum.